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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Ms. DELBENE).

DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,

May 11, 2022.

I hereby appoint the Honorable SUZAN K. DELBENE to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

MORNING-HOUR DEBATE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of January 10, 2022, the Chair will now recognize Members from lists submitted by the majority and minority leaders for morning-hour debate.

The Chair will alternate recognition between the parties, with time equally allocated between the parties and each Member other than the majority and minority leaders and the minority whip limited to 5 minutes, but in no event shall debate continue beyond 11:50 a.m.

PRESIDENT BIDEN'S EMPTY COMMITMENTS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from North Carolina (Ms. FOXX) for 5 minutes.

Ms. FOXX. Madam Speaker, President Biden recently claimed that his top priority is fighting inflation. Nobody is buying that narrative, not even for a second.

It is staggering that he genuinely believes that this inflation catastrophe is not of his own making. He acts as if his own failed policies are without sin,

that they are truly helping the country.

Try and sell that to Americans who are facing an average of \$4.37 per gallon at the gas pump. Try and sell that to Americans who face astronomical prices in grocery stores. You can't.

Madam Speaker, Americans are not fooled by the narratives that have been spun by this administration. The simple truth is that President Biden has no plan to fight inflation. He continues to double down on the failed policies that got us here in the first place.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF JOHN F. CLARK

Ms. FOXX. Madam Speaker, as CEO of the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children, NCMEC, John F. Clark worked tirelessly to protect children across the United States. Although he retired from his position as CEO last month, Mr. Clark leaves behind programs and initiatives that will continue to safeguard America's youth. Since its founding in 1984, NCMEC has worked with law enforcement to locate more than 355,000 missing children. This organization has been a champion for children in danger of sex trafficking, gang violence, and homelessness.

For decades, NCMEC has found innovative and reliable ways to enhance child safety. For example, NCMEC's CyberTipline is an important tool to report child exploitation. Over the past 2 years, the tip line received more than 38 million reports and massively expanded the ability of law enforcement to prevent child exploitation.

In 2017, the Committee on Education and the Workforce led the bipartisan Improving Support for Missing and Exploited Children Act. This bill modernized the 1984 Missing Children's Assistance Act. It also identified new ways of promoting child safety in the modern era.

As a grantee benefiting from this law, NCMEC has helped ensure the intent of the committee and Congress to help keep children safe.

Committee members also joined the NCMEC safety pledge, started under Mr. Clark, to raise awareness and share resources about the dangers to children online. Through initiatives like these, NCMEC is providing parents and guardians with the resources needed to prevent child exploitation.

The importance of NCMEC and its private-sector partners cannot be overstated. As former President Ronald Reagan explained at the founding of NCMEC: "No single sector of our Nation can solve the problem of missing and exploited children alone. But by working together . . . we can accomplish great things."

During Mr. Clark's time as CEO of NCMEC, he developed new ways to help exploited children, even during the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. Despite overwhelming odds, Mr. Clark and NCMEC continued to protect children from exploitation when they were even more vulnerable.

Mr. Clark's dedication to protecting children extends beyond his time at NCMEC. During his 5-year tenure as Director at the U.S. Marshals Service, he was pivotal in administering the Adam Walsh Act, which directed USMS to pursue child sex offenders. He also oversaw the implementation of the National Sex Offender Targeting Center, further underscoring his commitment to the safety and security of America's youth.

Thanks to his work, thousands of families have been reunited, and because of his dedication, more children have been saved from exploitation than ever before.

For a lifetime of such extraordinary public service, Mr. Clark deserves all the honor we can bestow. With deep appreciation, I say again: Thank you, John Clark, for all your selflessness and hard work, and congratulations on your retirement. America's children are safer thanks to you.

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